

Appl. No. 10/088,970  
Amdt. dated May 13, 2004  
Preliminary Amendment

PATENT

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The statement regarding federally sponsored research or development was inadvertently omitted in the specification which is based on the PCT application.

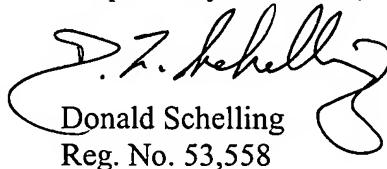
No fees are believed to be due in connection with this Preliminary amendment. In the event any fees are due, please debit deposit account number 20-1430.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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